

REMARKS

In this application, claims 1-33 are currently pending. Claims 1-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,389,462 to Cohen et al. ("*Cohen*") further in view of other alleged well-known art. Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentable for the reasons set forth hereinafter, and accordingly request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections.

In particular, *Cohen* describes a proxy cache system that uses a DNS, if at all, in a traditional manner. Applicants have noted that a DNS server does not control access, and thus does not correspond to an access controlling web server as recited in the claims, and in fact the technique of *Cohen* as a whole is directed to ensuring that access to desired materials is *always* granted. However, applicants have amended the claims herein in an attempt to ensure that the term "control" is not read so broadly as to eliminate the term from the claim by extending the term beyond its common English meaning of actual control, rather than unconditionally granting access. Thus, the claims now specify that control means just that, i.e. choosing between granting or denying access based on a response from the access controlling web server. In light of this clarification, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are patentable over the art of record, and it is requested that the rejections of claims 1-33 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

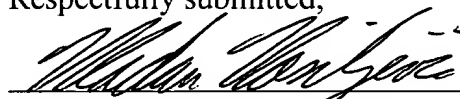
In re Appln. of Lamb et al.
Serial No. 09/489,629

Conclusion

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' representative Mr. Pippenger. In any case, applicants will follow up by phone with the examiner to ensure that the amended claims meet the Office's concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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